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Federal Opportunities

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP). *The National Science Foundation (NSF)* announces funds to enhance the quality of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instructional and outreach programs at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as a means to broaden participation in the Nation's STEM workforce. Support is available for implementation projects and planning grants. Eligible institutions are HBCUs that are accredited and that currently offer associate or baccalaureate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is September 30, 2004. The deadline for applications is November 8, 2004. Approximately 6 grants, ranging from \$1 million-\$2.5 million, are available for Implementation Projects; approximately 2 grants of up to \$50,000 are available for Planning Grants. For further information, contact Victor A. Santiago, Program Director, at (703) 292-4673, (703) 292-9018-fax, or vsantiag@nsf.gov; or go to: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04603/nsf04603.txt>

Livable Communities Initiative. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/ Administration on Aging (AoA)* announces funds to identify and showcase communities that best meet the criteria of a livable community, and to highlight promising practices that can be used by county and municipal governments throughout the country in preparing for the aging of the baby boom population. Eligible applicants include national nonprofit and faith-based organizations with a demonstrated expertise in developing a framework or action plan

that can be easily implemented through county and municipal governments. The deadline for applications is August 18, 2004. Approximately \$125,000 is available for one award. Grantees are required to provide at least 25 percent of the total program costs from non-federal cash or in-kind resources in order to be considered for the award. For further information, contact DHHS/AoA at (202) 357-3440; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-16350.txt>.

District Opportunities

Building Clinical Capacity to Serve Youth Experiencing Trauma. *The Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)* are partners in a joint effort to identify applicants that have an interest in developing a specialized and dynamic training track within the DMH Training Institute that will equip local clinicians with the state of the art skills, knowledge and interventions to serve youth and families involved in CFSA who have experienced trauma. Eligible applicants include organizations/agencies and individuals who have experience designing, implementing and monitoring the effectiveness of training programs and the ability to access specific training expertise related to trauma as experienced by children, adolescents and families involved in the child welfare system. The deadline for applications is August 13, 2004, at 4:30pm. Approximately \$225,000 is available. Request for Applications (RFA) may be picked up from 9:00am-4:00pm at DMH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20002 – reception desk. A required pre-application conference will be held July 29, 2004, 1:00-3:00pm, at DMH's 4th Floor Training Room.

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For further information and to submit questions in advance of the pre-application workshop, contact Evette Jackson, Project Manager, at (202) 724-7106 or ejackson@cfsa-dc.org.

Housing and Housing Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS. *The Department of Health (DOH)/HIV/AIDS Administration (HAA)* announces funding to provide Housing and Housing Services for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PWAs) in DC. This funding opportunity will assist current and new providers to maintain and increase the quantity and quality of housing options and services available for PWAs while facilitating the development of new and emerging housing providers. Eligible applicants include community-based nonprofit organizations, including private nonprofit community development corporations, and governmental housing agencies with offices located within DC. In addition, eligibility for submitting a proposal in response to the Capacity Building service area includes existing HOPWA housing providers and/or small organizations that lack the current capacity but are interested in becoming a HOPWA housing provider. The deadline for applications is August 27, 2004, at 4:00pm. Approximately \$5 million is available in the following service areas and amounts: Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Supportive Housing (\$2.5 million); Emergency Housing (\$1 million); Short Term Rent, Utilities, and Mortgage (\$500,000); Transitional and Emergency Housing for Women (\$500,000); and Capacity Building (\$500,000). Applications can be obtained between 9:00am–5:00pm from DOH, 825 N. Capitol St., NE, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20002 or downloaded from www.opgd.dc.gov, District Grants Clearinghouse. For further information, contact DOH at (202) 442-9414.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, District Grants Clearinghouse.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP), 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC), July 30, 2004, at 5:00 pm.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA)/Office of Academic Credentials and Standards (OACS), Teacher Quality Enhancement State Grant, August 2, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*Serve DC, AmeriCorps*State Formula Program,* August 4, 2004, at 5:00pm.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/Office of Federal Grants Programs (OFGP), District of Columbia Public Charter Schools FY 2004 Dissemination Grant Program, August 9, 2004, at 5:00pm.

The DC Office on Aging (DCOA), FY 2005 Ward 8 Lead Agency Grant Program, August 24, 2004, at 5:00pm.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Folk and Traditional Arts Mini Grants, September 2, 2004, at 6:00pm.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Housing Grants, September 3, 2004, at 4:00pm.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, September 24 and December 30, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning and Outreach: Teacher Mini-Grant Program, September 30, 2004, at 6:00pm.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Young Artists, October 25, 2004.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), December 2, 2004, March 3, 2005, and June 2, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

REMINDER: Neighborhood Excellence

Initiative. *Bank of America* recently launched its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative to recognize, nurture and reward organizations, local heroes and student leaders – in 30 of the bank's major communities across the country – that are helping rebuild and revitalize their neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Builders program provides grants and leadership training to groups working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. The specific focus areas of this program in DC are: community and workforce development with an emphasis on housing and neighborhood revitalization; mentoring outreach and early childhood education; and health and human services. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations based in and serving DC. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2004. For further information or to apply, go to:
www.Bankofamerica.com/foundation.

AIDS. *The Ittleson Foundation* is committed to supporting "cutting-edge prevention efforts" for AIDS. It is particularly interested in new model, pilot, and demonstration efforts, such as: addressing the needs of underserved at-risk populations; responding to the challenges facing community-based AIDS service organizations and those organizations addressing systemic change; making treatment information accessible, available and easily understandable to those in need of it; addressing the psycho-social needs of those infected and affected by AIDS, especially adolescents. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for Letters of Inquiry is September 1, 2004. For further information, go to:
<http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org/aids.html>.

Social Justice. *The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region's (CFNCR) Common Ground Fund* announces funds for projects in the Greater Washington region that address social justice issues impacting communities of color. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that must form partnerships that include organizations or leadership structures serving the selected neighborhoods. Projects must be conducted in a geographic community located within the Greater Washington region (Washington, DC, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Arlington County,

the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, the City of Falls Church, and Loudoun County). The deadline for applications is August 20, 2004, at 5:00pm. Approximately \$250,000 is available to make grants of up to \$35,000. Interested applicants are invited to attend a community briefing to obtain in-depth information and guidance. The briefing will be held July 29, 2004, 4:30-6:30pm, at CFNCR, 1201 15th Street, NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20005. Please RSVP by contacting Ben Murphy at (202) 955-5890 or cfintern@dfnrc.org. For further information, contact John Kern, Program Associate, at jkern@cfnrc.org or Tom Kam, Senior Program Officer, at tkam@cfnrc.org; or go to:
http://www.cfnrc.org/images/2004_Common_Ground_RFP.pdf.

Tobacco Policy. *Tobacco Policy Change: A Collaborative for Healthier Communities and States*, a national initiative supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), provides resources and technical assistance to: maintain tobacco policy gains and momentum in communities, states, and regions; and strengthen and sustain the state and national tobacco policy change infrastructure (policy research, advocacy, and communications). The program seeks to engage diverse organizations and professionals in sustainable tobacco-control activities to decrease the prevalence of tobacco use in the U.S. Eligible applicants include local, regional, and state-based organizations that have demonstrated success in policy advocacy and grassroots organizing and can provide proof of cash matching-fund commitments for grants over \$50,000. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2004. Approximately \$12 million is available, and grants will range from \$50,000-\$150,000. Applications will only be accepted online. For further information, application procedures, and details on informational Web casts, go to:
<http://www.rwjf.org/programs/npoDetail.jsp?id=PAD>

Resources & Announcements

DCYAC Application Deadline Extended. *The DC Youth Advisory Council (DCYAC)* has extended the application deadline for 2004-05 Council membership to July 30. DCYAC was created in April 2002 by the District of Columbia City Council. Located within Serve DC, Executive Office of the Mayor, DCYAC provides District youth

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opportunities to have an ongoing voice in the policies, programs and actions within the city. DCYAC is comprised of 32 District youth from diverse backgrounds from each of the District's eight wards. Additionally, DCYAC has eight at-large members who represent the city's juvenile justice and foster care systems. Youth interested in becoming DCYAC members must be between 13-22 years old and have resided in the District for at least one year. The benefits of involvement in DCYAC include influencing the District's youth-related policies and programs; creating legislation that aids youth; serving as a representative for District youth; interacting with District officials and other local leaders; attending conferences across the country; collaborating with District youth; and developing leadership skills such as public speaking and facilitation. The membership application is available on DCYAC's Web page. To access the Web page, go to <http://serve.dc.gov> and click on the Youth Advisory Council link. The application can also be sent to interested youth via mail, e-mail or fax. For more information on DCYAC or to request a membership application, please contact DCYAC at (202) 727-7976 or at dcyac@dc.gov.

Department of Mental Health (DMH) Program Initiatives. *The Department of Mental Health (DMH)* will host a briefing on its upcoming FY2005 Program Initiatives, including: expansion of alternatives to hospitalization and specialty services; expansion of crisis intervention and stabilization through mobile crisis services; providing acute care for adults in community hospitals; expanding services for youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems; creating a broader "care management" mandate for priority populations; changes in Rehabilitation Day services; and more. This briefing will be held on July 28, 2004, 2:00-4:00pm, at DMH, 64 New York Ave., NE, 4th Floor Training Room. Please RSVP by July 26 to Kieva Bankins at kieva.bankins@dc.gov or (202) 673-3561.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to

best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

High-Engagement Philanthropy. *Venture Philanthropy Partners and Community Wealth Ventures* jointly produced a new report, *High-Engagement Philanthropy: A Bridge to a More Effective Social Sector*. This report consists of a lead essay and six dialogues between high-engagement philanthropists and their investment partners (grantees) regarding lessons learned about the challenges, risks, and rewards involved in trying to achieve the greater effectiveness that high-engagement philanthropy stresses. These include helping nonprofit leaders build stronger, high-performing, fiscally sustainable organizations, and increase scale. The report's lead essay explores the premise that nonprofit effectiveness and access to capital — money to fund and grow organizations — are inextricably linked. For further information, go to: <http://www.vpppartners.org/report2004.html>.

NEW Washington Grantmakers Common Grant Application Workshop. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) and Washington Grantmakers* will host an information session on the newly revised Washington Grantmakers Common Grant Application. The goal of the Common Grant Application is to serve the regions' grantmaking and grantseeking communities by streamlining the grant application process. The format makes grantseeking easier as you can create one standard proposal that can be customized for multiple funders. The session will take place on August 10, 2004, 10:00am-noon, Martin Luther King Library, 9th & G Streets, NW, Room A-5. This session is free, but registration is required. For further information or to register, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900 by August 6.

Pro Bono Design and PR Services. *Mediastudio, a graphic design firm, and Advocacy Communications International, a public relations firm,* are hosting CreateAThon, a 24-hour marathon of pro bono assistance for nonprofit advocacy organizations to

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take place on October 1, 2004. Organizations will work with the CreateAThon team to create a graphic design product and communications plan. Designers, as well as printers and other donors gathered by the group, will be creating for 24 hours straight for nonprofits who otherwise could not afford creative services. Eligible applicants include nonprofits in DC and Northern Virginia. The deadline for applications is August 26, 2004, at noon. Up to 12 organizations will be selected to work with the CreateAThon team. For further information, contact Mediastudio at CAT@mediastudio.com.

Stronger Schools, Stronger Cities. *The National League of Cities (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families* released a study that shows that vigorous leadership by mayors and city council members can yield big dividends through improvements in the quality of public education. Stronger Schools, Stronger Cities profiles municipal leadership efforts in six cities that participated in a 30-month technical assistance project funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The report highlights strategies used by mayors and council members to overcome challenges -- such as changes in leadership and government budget deficits -- to successfully support progress in raising student achievement and improving public schools. For further information and to access the report, go to: http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/files/pdf/PAGES_MECH_0412B.pdf.

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